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When anyone becomes outstandingly great or good, be becomes a subject of marked interest to us all. We would know the secret of his power, he becomes to us a hero, a superman, an inspiration. We are about to celebrate the birthday of the greatest and only perfect man in all history, in whose personality we findaourdfullest undesstanding of both God and man.

Sometimes the understanding of one person helps us to an insight in another person, and so as a contribution to a fuller understanding of Christ Himself, I have chosen for our consideration, this morning, the greatest personali'ty of the Old Testament. Both Jews and Xns alike unite in ranking Moses as one of the greatest men in all history, an and he certainly stands out as the great light of the O.T. Moses was both great and good, tho not perfect by any means Our text this morning reveals to us the secret of both the greatness and the goodness of Moses. With keen insight, th the writer of Hebrews explains Moses to us in a single clause of one of his sentences-Heb.11:27 For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. The explanation of Moses is found in the presence, guidance and help of Jehovah, his G God, a presence, guidance and help which Moses realized thhu the Eye of Faith-for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

I. The faith of Moses was as sight to him-as seeing the invisible. To him Faith had the force of a new sense, it was a constantly controlling principle of his being and conduct.

1. The question arises, how did Moses get his faith? How was it awakened in him?

a. For one thing Moses was a child of faith and prayer
His parents had strong faith under very trying circumstances. The faith of his mothber, Jochabed. Faith led her at one time to conceal her child, and at another to expose him to chrocodiles and Egyptian soldiers. Her faith enabled her to grasp the great purpose which Jehoval had for her son Moses.

These early impressions were indellibly stamped in the child Moses. The importance of child training. The example of parents. Inherited tendencies. The courage of Moses in "refusing to become the son of Pharoah' daughter, choosingrather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

2. Moses exercised his faith-sight continually and constantly. He saw God not only upon the mountain and in the cloud, but in every place and in every event. The faith of Moses was a constant guiding principle, not merely an impulse. Changes in his circomstances and needs only made his faith the more unchangeable. Moses always kept his godward look clear and unclouded.

II. Now let us consider some of the results of Moses' holding such a Faith-sight.

1. Moses endured, as seeing him who is invisible. That is what Faith-sight is for- to enable us to endure unto the end. Easy enought to begin something, another thing entirely to finish it. Especially living in obedience to the will of God.

2. The faith of Moses led him to underatand the great purpose wich God had for him. Thru the eye of faith we can see what God wants us to do.

3. Faith enabled Moses to make the necessary sacrifice for the realization of his life-purpose. Moses sacrifced wealth and position, submitting himself not only to poverty but to a form of slavery as well.

Many men are willing to sacrifice everything to gain wealth and position, but the remarkable fact about moses is that he sacrificed everything to gain poverty and slavery. What a tussle Moses must have had with his affections in refusing the offer of Pharoah!

4. The faith of Moses gave him perfect self-command and control under the most severe provocations. When the children of Israel murmured against Jehovah and when they with Aaron turned from their God. How often must Moses must have been tempted to conclude that his people for whom he had given his very life were not worthy of his services!

5. What a wonderful courage was that of Moses when he dealt with his enemies from without! There is only one explanation of such courage- the all-seeing -faith of th this Man of God. The most courageous men of history are notthe physically strong but rather the spiritually strong. The courage of the apostles, of Steven and the martyrs, of Luther and the Reformers, and of those Xns who in the midst of popular loose and lawless living dare to live clean, moral lives is the courage of Faith, the All-seeing faith that makes God a continual presence and guidance and help!

3. Every day of Moses' life manifested the sustaining power of the invisible God. An unseen hand beckoned and Moses followed. An unseen arm sustained him. An unseen Friend walked by his side.

So should it be with us, especially in these days of greater light. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" "

III. The faith which Moses had in God, Christ had in still greater measure.

The man, Jesus, thru Faith and Prayer realized God in His life as a constant Presence. But Jesus went one step further in his faith than did Moses. Moses, thru faith, realized the presende of God and thot of himself as unworthy to stand in it. But Jesus, thru his faith, realized the presence of God but instead of thinking himself unworthy of it became conscious of the fact that he was inseparable from it, yea, identical with it! This is why it is that we, justified by Faith, have pwace with God thru our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ours is the privelege of exercising that-

All-seeing Faith which will enable us to realize the presende of God, to stand courageously for the righteousness of God in all human affairs and in all personal conduct, that will enable us to endure unto unto he end, in staunch loyalty to the grace wherein we stand.